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AN ANNUAL BEARER.

SIXTH EDITION.



LINCOLN.

A new pear, originating near Lincoln, Illinois, unequalled for hardiness and productiveness. Fruit large, solid, golden-yellow color, minute dots; remarkably juicy, sprightly, aromatic and agreeable. Introduced by W. E. Jones Co. Season, August and September.

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❖ ❖ Introduction. ❖ ❖



This sixth edition of our LINCOLN PEAR Catalogue will reach quite a large number of our patrons and friends who have received our former editions.

We indulge your patience as we re-publish some of the history, reports, etc., so essential to the new reader.

It has required much patience to overcome the prejudice arising from disappointments in efforts to grow Pears in the past.

It has required considerable capital and much energy to place the LINCOLN PEAR upon a substantial basis throughout the country, where so many barriers threatened the progress and development of one of our grandest fruits — The Pear.

Many new varieties of Pears have been offered to the public, described in extravagant language and lavishly colored.

Since we introduced the LINCOLN, several have made their *debut*. Most of them have disappeared and are now scarcely remembered. Some have proved to be a half-forgotten old variety re-named, re-colored, and re-priced.

Some have succeeded in a measure, locally. None have had the searchlight of criticism and investigation trained upon them so severely as has the LINCOLN; and, while we have not found perfection in every respect, in all districts, we candidly believe that we have furnished the public with the very best pear known, and one that will succeed over a very large district.

Very few people have had a bountiful financial success as a reward for introducing a new fruit, but if we can continue to merit the many kind and valued encomiums of our fellow horticulturists, we shall feel largely repaid.

The LINCOLN has a very close, hard, fine texture of wood. It is more difficult to propagate, and costs us much more to produce than it does to propagate any other variety of pear. The fiber is so hard and firm that it does not readily unite with another wood. This manner of maturing its wood in such a perfect way, largely accounts for its robust habit and remarkable record of warding off attacks that prove fatal to other varieties.

Our method of propagating, and the root that we use, appear to perpetuate the many valuable traits of the parent tree. We have not permitted it to degenerate in a single respect, but have improved one or two features quite perceptibly.

We appeal to you, as an intelligent planter, to allow the LINCOLN an opportunity to demonstrate its value on your grounds. You cannot afford to allow prejudice to stand in your way. There are now known to be three or four distinct LINCOLN PEARS on the market, all claiming to be "the same as Jones'". There never was an article produced of *known merit* that was not counterfeited in some manner. Our prices are reasonable—you cannot afford to take chances.

We propagate and offer a complete line of Nursery stock, and respectfully solicit a share of your business.

Yours very truly,

W. E. JONES CO.



THE LINCOLN PEAR NURSERY

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LINCOLN, ILL.

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VREDENBURG & CO.,
ROCHESTER, N. Y.

Extract from an Article Read before the Illinois State Horticultural Society, by Mr. Jones:

"In the fall of 1834, Mrs. Maria Fleming moved from Ohio to Illinois, settling in what is now Corwin township, Logan County. She brought with her the seeds from one pear, three in number, which were duly planted, and produced three healthy seedlings, one of which, the subject of this sketch, is now known as the Lincoln Pear. This tree is now (1889) 57 years old, and exhibits no signs whatever of decay, but is a most beautiful, round-headed tree, and we challenge any one to produce its equal.

"My father has a tree (a sucker from the original), that is 36 years old, which, according to living witnesses, has borne fruit for thirty consecutive years, and in 1888 we are satisfied the tree bore the enormous crop of fifty bushels."

For a more extended history, see paper "History of a Remarkable Seedling Pear Tree." Vol. XXIII of Illinois State Horticultural Society Report.

Condensed Extract from Report of Ad-Interim Committee for Central Illinois, written by A. C. Hammond, Secretary of the Illinois State Horticultural Society. (Vol. XXVI.)

"Having on several occasions seen the Lincoln Pear, and desiring to know more about the tree and fruit, I decided to spend a day in investigating its merits. W. E. Jones, the propagator and discoverer of its merits, kindly met me at the hotel in Lincoln, with his carriage, and took me to his home, seven miles distant. The original tree is still standing, grown from seed planted in 1835. It is as fine a specimen of pear tree as the writer ever saw. It is about forty feet high, and though nearly 60 years old, is vigorous and healthy, and this season made a fine growth, and has never failed of a crop, though the present season's was the lightest ever known. Another tree, fifteen or twenty years old, so closely crowded with other fruit trees that it only made a moderate growth, was carrying seven or eight bushels of fine looking fruit, while other trees of popular varieties only bore a few specimens. This tree is stock grafted about four feet from the ground, the point being plainly shown. It could not be bought for \$50.00.

"Another tree on Mr. Jones' farm, that he planted, a sucker from the original tree, thirty-eight years ago, shows the same cylindrical form and vigorous habits of the parent tree. It stands by the roadside; the lower limbs had been relieved of a portion of their fruit by the passers by, but from the appearance of the upper part of the tree I should think it produced eighteen or twenty bushels this season.

"On returning to the house, my attention was called to a tree in the yard, twelve or fifteen years old, that was bending beneath its burden of fruit, some of the specimens being very large and fine.

"Comparing it with the Bartlett, I should say that it will average a little larger, that it is a trifle coarser in texture, but **equal, if not better** in quality; season about the same. The foliage on all trees visited was remarkably clean and healthy, and the fruit free from scab.

"No trace of blight was visible, and it was the testimony of the owner of all the trees, **that they never had blighted**. It seems remarkable that such a valuable fruit as the **Lincoln Pear**, which has so long had a local reputation, should so long remain unknown outside of the neighborhood where it originated. Mr. Jones has so much confidence in the future of this pear that he has planted ten acres."

PRESS NOTICES.

Rural New Yorker—The flesh resembles that of the Angouleme. The quality is, so to say, a combination of Bartlett, Angouleme and Anjou. Very juicy, aromatic. Seeds few and small.

Orange Judd, Farmer—It is finely flavored and very palatable. When canned the flesh is white and tender. It is a little coarse grained, but juicy and sweet flavored.

St. Joseph, Mo., Jan., 1901.

All who sampled the Lincoln Pear pronounced it good and truly good. This was expert testimony, too.

JAMES M. IRVINE, Editor Western Fruit-Grower.

WE have extended an urgent invitation to all planters to come to Lincoln and investigate our marvelous claims for the famous Lincoln Pear trees have that attracted such wide attention. We say to those concerned, "If we do not show you even more than we have ever claimed to have, all expense incident to your trip will be refunded, and you may be the judge." Seeing is believing. We mean business. It is true that it is difficult to overcome the disappointments of pear planting in the past, but you are standing in your own light when you refuse to be informed. Many people visit us each year from all sections of the country, and we should be glad to have you talk with them and let them tell you of the superior value of the Jones methods of propagating, &c., but of course, you can not talk with all of them. We shall quote some clippings of their volunteer opinions below. Only a few can be named on this bulletin, however.

The fact that our own planting in this and other counties of the State, will soon enable us to market from 25,000 to 50,000 bushels of the fruit of the Lincoln Pear per annum (for they bear every year), is surely conclusive evidence that we know the value of the fruit as well as the hardiness of the tree, its prolific nature, &c., or we should not be planting so extensively.

Yours very truly,

W. E. JONES CO.

—1893—

Powell's Valley, Multnomah County, Oregon, August 8, 1893.

To whom it may Concern :

The World's Fair and the Lincoln Pear were two attractions that induced me to return to Illinois, to visit relatives and renew old acquaintances after an absence of forty years. I had frequently read and heard of this wonderful pear, and as I am considerably interested in horticulture and fruit planting generally, I decided to personally investigate the true merits of this fruit and satisfy myself as to whether or not it would be profitable to plant on the Pacific Coast. In company with my cousin, W. B. Stroud, Secretary of the Atlanta Union Fair, drove down to Lincoln from Atlanta, where we found Mr. Jones, the introducer of this pear, in their office. We drove to the country a few miles distant and visited the original tree first. This tree stands on the prairie, completely exposed to the wintry storms. It is said to be nearly sixty years old, but still it remains the most typical of any pear tree I ever saw. It is more than forty feet in height, body measures nearly six feet in circumference,—healthy, hardy and stately in appearance, magnificent in growth,—this year (the test of all years) was carrying a few bushels of very fine fruit. I no longer wonder why this tree has attracted such universal attention. We next drove to see another tree about twelve years old that stood about one mile distant. This tree also stands in an open field where a house once stood. At this juncture words fail to express my feelings. It was just loaded with the most tempting fruit. I had often heard of its wonderful bearing, and saw photographs, pictures, etc., of the tree when fruiting, but never before could I realize the value of such a fruit. Only a personal visit can reveal its beauty. At a distance the tree appears to be almost a solid mass of pears. In its bearing, I would liken the tree unto a gooseberry bush,—the pears are set on stiff branches and not so liable to be blown off by the wind. This tree was carrying not less than twelve bushels of fine fruit. When I tell you that we counted seventy-four pears on less than six feet of one single branch, you can form a better idea of its yield. Although the fruit lacked two or three weeks of maturity, the pears were above the medium size, very smooth and uniform. I should judge them to be an excellent shipper. The tree this season made a fine growth—bark clear and smooth. Different trees were visited standing on different soils—some grafted, others root sprouts. All showed unmistakable hardiness—no trace of blight, winterkill, scab on fruit—no effect of curculio—the typical tree. Other varieties of pear trees were noticed standing in the immediate vicinity, but all were barren and blighting. Friends, I am not a nurseryman, and my purpose is not to boom any individual, but if my endorsement will induce any man to plant these trees, my labors will not be in vain. I intend to plant the Lincoln on the Pacific Coast, as I have a great deal of confidence in the future of this pear. I believe Messrs. Jones & Son to be reliable men to deal with, and am confident that their claims are not exaggerated.

Respectfully, A. J. STAFFORD.

—1894—

D. W. Lentz, delegate from Pulaski Co., Ill., says: "I paid a visit to W. E. Jones Co., to see and examine the Lincoln Pear, and must say that I am much pleased with the appearance of the trees and fruit. I brought about two dozen home with me to Southern Illinois, but could not keep them very long, as they were so good we ate them as soon as they were mellow. They were as fine a pear as we ever tasted—juicy, sweet and nice."

It is a Good Thing to Investigate.

W. E. Jones Co., Lincoln, Ill.:

Since my return from visiting you and those wonderfully magnificent LINCOLN PEAR trees, I have been more forcibly impressed with a desire to better mankind than ever before, and accordingly wish to say to all whom it may concern, as I have said before and hope to repeat, that in my experience with pear trees, which extends over a period of more than 50 years, I have

—1895—

never seen their equal! The most perfect in shape and development of foliage and fruit—exhibiting no signs of decay or disease—coupling these with the fact that not only the original, but that each generation of its posterity possesses those invaluable characteristics (disease-proof and annual bearing) continued and improved by your most excellent method of propagation, places the LINCOLN far in advance of any pear to my knowledge.

Respectfully,

M. CLOYD, Sangamon Co.

—1896—

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, visited the Lincoln Pear Nursery of W. E. Jones Co., Lincoln, Ill., and found the trees just as represented. The old trees are large and fine shaped and appear to be healthy. Any one who has ever seen a LINCOLN PEAR Tree can always tell it, and no danger of some agent putting something on them that is not genuine. We thought enough of the LINCOLN PEAR to buy and set out one acre each (110 trees to the acre) this spring. Out of the entire invoice we never found a single one that had a bad heart or black streak. Parties wanting to set out pear trees will never regret the amount invested in the LINCOLN PEAR.

Christian Co., Ill.

H. O. MINNIS, Breeder of Poland China Hogs.

F. W. BECK, Farmer and Fruit Grower.

—1897—

W. E. Jones Co.:

Tallula, Ill.

Dear Sirs: I will long remember my visit to the famous Lincoln Pear Tree. It is a worthy veteran, a notable landmark. The pear tree is largely subject to blight in this climate and, at least, is but short lived. I have seen a few aged trees in the older states that

Laden with Large and Luscious Fruit. bore fairly well, but the fruit was small, coarse-grained and very inferior in taste and flavor; neither were the trees remarkable for bearing qualities. I was glad to see this kingly tree of near three-score years still so perfect and vigorous, and so laden with large and luscious fruit. I have not tasted a Bartlett of Illinois growth for some time, but comparing the Bartlett shipped in from California and sold at our fruit stands with the fruit you gave me, I can truly say I greatly prefer the latter. The Lincoln Pear is a good pear in any case; but considering its healthy thrift, its freedom from blight, its prolific yield, the eating and preserving qualities of its fruit, and the great fact that it lives on and bears on, from father to son, and from generation to generation, it is, in my judgment, by all odds the most valuable fruit tree of any kind in this country.

Again, many thanks for your kindness, as I consider myself very fortunate in seeing this wonderful tree.

Very sincerely yours,

REV. T. T. HOLTON.

—1898—

To Those Concerned:

I have been a patron of the Lincoln Pear Nursery for some time, but had not fully made up my mind as to the advisability of planting an orchard of the Lincoln Pear for commercial marketing.

The Jones Co. have made some very interesting claims for their Lincoln Pear, and my neighbors and myself concluded that we would look the matter up. One of the salesmen employed by the Jones Co. made a proposition to us that if one of us would go down and investigate his claims and found that he had misrepresented or overdrawn the facts as we should find them, he (the agent) would refund us the expense of the trip. I was selected to go, as I had been interested in fruit gardening and trucking for several years.

Soon after arriving at the office of the W. E. Jones Co., their carriage was called and we were on our way to their farm west of Lincoln.

We first drove to the old tree of which so much has been said. I want to impress upon the minds of those not so fortunate as to get to see these trees, that no picture can come anywhere near representing as fine view as the real tree represents. The tree shows no signs of care; in fact, does not appear to need any,—but its immense size, strong, hardy, sturdy yet graceful proportions, each limb yielding under its great crop of fruit,—fruit hanging so thick that it actually presented a massive appearance, and it should be remembered that the fruit will have several weeks yet to swell up and develop,—what a sight it will be. I want to say frankly, that I cannot describe it in a manner that would do it justice. There will evidently be from 30 to 40 bushels of fruit on this tree this year.

A little more driving brought us to another tree not quite so old, but perhaps as large, and fully as fine a tree as the oldest tree. This last tree is about 40 years old. The nature and bearing qualities of this appear to be almost identical with the original seedling tree.

Next we found, not the least interesting of our trip, the young 3 and 4 year old trees in the Nursery and private experimental grounds with beautiful specimens of fruit. The young budded trees appear to produce a larger fruit even, than the old trees, and one feature I noticed all the way through was the smooth and uniform appearance of the pears, and no effects from any kind of disease, evidently entirely hardy. The prospective planters will all be interested in their early bearing, and I should not fail to call attention to their young stock in the Nursery and also

their budding stock. I am not familiar with the nursery business, but it appears that they know how to grow a long lived tree that will begin bearing young. I was well pleased with my trip and am not only planting an orchard for myself, but urge my neighbors to plant also. There is evidently a great market for this pear.

Very respectfully,

AUGUST REINMAN, Peoria Co., Ill.

July 10, 1896.

—1899—

The Rev. Alexander Monroe, who plants extensively in Marion Co., Ills., says, since a recent visit: "Mr. Ferrevia and myself enjoyed our visit to your Nursery exceedingly. The Lincoln Pear seems to be all that you have ever claimed for it. We were pleased, not only with the beautiful smooth fruit on your trees in your pear orchard, but also with the health and vigor of the trees. They are nearer blight proof than any pear trees we know of. The original Lincoln Pear tree is as perfect a specimen of fruit tree as I have ever seen. I am anxious to thoroughly test them in Southern Illinois."

Mr. Henry Brown, who plants in Williamson Co., Ill., says: "After seeing the old and young trees of the Lincoln Pear with their loads of uniform beautiful fruit, the exceptionally clean, healthy foliage and hardiness of the tree, I am fully persuaded that a Lincoln Pear orchard will prove a valuable investment. I shall begin with an acre (110 trees) and increase my planting each year as my funds will permit. You have not claimed too much for the Lincoln."

Mr. Ferrevia, a Marion Co., Ills., planter, says: "One thing struck me forcibly. You placed the Lincoln in poor company, alongside other varieties subject to blight, and, in spite of this uncalled-for exposure, their behavior was excellent. As a summer pear, I know of no other that can compare with it in appearance of tree, strength of wood and attractiveness of fruit."

—1900—

Extract from the Cuba (Ills.) Journal, Sept. 1900.

The Lincoln.

Mr. Milton Murphy, proprietor of the Cass Fruit Farm and his wife joined the Odd Fellows' excursion to Lincoln last Thursday and visited the famous LINCOLN pear trees, on the home farm of W. E. Jones, the Nurseryman, at Lincoln, Ills.

Mr. Murphy has long wanted to see the old tree that has been so widely advertised while the fruit was on it, and this was his first opportunity to get away from his fruit farm in proper season.

He says: "It was a magnificent sight to see the grand old tree, which is now about 65 years old and is still growing. Even after the wind and rainstorms that have swept that country, it appears that the tree had about 50 bushels of pears on it. This tree is well preserved and looks as though it would live 50 years longer. It is different from all other pears and its characteristic productiveness, hardiness, annual bearing and blight resisting qualities are reproduced in the younger trees, of which we saw a large number. The most beautiful specimens of pears were found on the young trees, and their productiveness was something marvelous; another striking fact is, they bear every year, from what I can learn.

"The 5 year olds had many limbs that were loaded with fruit, set as thick as bananas on a bunch, yet the wood had too tough a fiber to split, but simply bended to the ground. Mr. Jones' experimental grounds were quite interesting, and furnished some splendid object lessons. I am fully persuaded that every one of my neighbors who have planted a Lincoln Pear tree would take much greater care of it, if they could have been with us and seen those beautiful trees; but several trees have already produced quite a nice showing of fruit in this community."

"In my judgment the Lincoln pear is the only pear that doesn't blight. It absolutely does not. I wish I had a 50 acre Lincoln pear orchard. Farmers and friends, don't be afraid to plant the Lincoln."

TESTIMONIALS.

W. E. Jones:

Brownville, Neb.

Dear Sir: While the fruit is a little tart, I regard it as **extra fine**—far above the average pear. So far as I have seen the Lincoln, I regard it as a valuable acquisition to the pear list.

Very truly,

ROB'T W. FURNAS, Ex-Gov.

W. E. Jones:

Buffton, Mo.

Dear Sir: So far as the pear (Lincoln) itself is concerned, in regard to size, appearance, and quality, I pronounce it first class in all respects, and coming in after the Bartlett, I deem it valuable. I, for my taste, would prefer it to the Bartlett, which is saying a great deal. They were tested by what I consider pretty good judges. Very truly yours,

JUDGE S. MILLER.

W. E. Jones:

St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir: We pronounce the quality fair to good. The size is large. **It is a showy fruit, and would consider it a good market pear.** Yours truly,

S. M. BAYLES.

We, the undersigned, of Richland Co., Ill., have sampled the ripe fruit of the Lincoln Pear produced by W. E. Jones Co., and find it to contain the following valuable points, viz.: 1st, it is exceptionally fine grained; 2d, solid meat throughout; 3d, ripens evenly throughout, therefore does not rot at core before the outside of pear is ripe; 4th, it has a small core; 5th, it is very juicy; 6th, it is of excellent flavor; 7th, it has a very thin skin; 8th, it has a very tough skin; 9th, it has a very smooth skin; 10th, the pear, when fully ripe, is of a lemon color and looks like wax work. T. W. Hutchinson, Attorney and Commercial Orchardist.

R. T. Fry, Editor "Olney Advocate," " "
 John F. Jolly, Hardware Merchant, " "
 F. Landenbarger, Jr., " "
 C. Hasler, " "
 T. A. Fritche, Attorney, Co. Judge, " "
 S. J. Eekenrode, Merchant, " "
 Wm. Bowers, Druggist, " "
 C. H. Scott, Merchant, " "
 Robert C. Morris, Dentist, " "
 J. P. Wilson, Nurseryman, " "
 Charles Vanausdel, " "
 D. Scott, Merchant, " "
 G. M. Swain, Sheriff, " "
 W. F. Ritter, Manufacturer of Champagne Cider, Wine, etc., also Commercial Orchardist.

In addition to the above, T. W. Hutchinson says: "The Lincoln Pears were of great beauty and excellent quality. I have great hopes of the Lincoln."

W. F. Ritter, delegate to visit the trees, says: "Last spring I bought 48 Lincoln Pear trees from you, believing them to be all right in hardiness and productiveness, but must confess that

Its merits Established. I was somewhat afraid that they would not be as good in quality as expected, but the ripe fruit I got from you this season clears away that doubt completely, as I have had the fruit sampled by fruit men everywhere that I could conveniently, and the universal verdict was that they were *the best pear they ever tasted*, No. 1 in every respect, rivaling California pears.

"Many thanks for your kindness and hospitality to me while there last August to see the trees in fruit, and can honestly say that I found them *healthy and loaded with fruit*."

W. E. Jones:

Rochester, Minn.

Dear Sir: Your kind favor of August 24th came while I was away from home attending fairs, while the last one of September 1st, together with the fine plate of pears, came September 4th, and received at the express office while on my way to attend the Southern Minnesota fair, at this city. Fortunately I found, on my arrival at the grounds, the following well-known horticulturists, and cut the pears in their presence and received most favorable comments from all present: J. S. Harris, of La Crescent City, Minn.; Prof. S. B. Green, of our State University; E. H. S. Darr, of Owatonna; Henry P. Moon, of Fillmore County; M. J. Hoag, of this city, and others. The unanimous verdict was that the Lincoln Pear was a pear of **SUPERIOR QUALITY**, and I will add that it will entitle no dishonor to the great name that it bears. Would take this to be a summer pear; three of them were in good condition, and the balance had commenced to decay where bruised, *but no rot at the heart*, as is the case with many of our summer pears when decay begins. I shall be anxious to add this noble pear to our list.

Very respectfully yours,

A. W. SIAS, Ex. Pres. Minn. State Hort. Society.

Top of the Heap.

We have sold the Lincoln Pear, grown and originated by W. E. Jones, for several years. We consider it one of the finest flavored pears in the market, and as a market pear it is right at the top of the heap.

HOLTON & REYNOLDS, Grocerymen,

Lincoln, Ill.

I have known the Lincoln Pear for twenty years. It is the finest and best bearer I ever saw. The tree is much older than I am, but during the twenty years of my acquaintance with it, it has never failed to produce an excellent crop of the finest pears. Respectfully yours,

T. S. DAVY,

County Surveyor, Logan County.

I have been well acquainted for more than twenty years with the Lincoln Pear Tree growing upon the farm of William E. Jones, about six miles west of Lincoln. I have seen it every year for the last twenty years, sometime during the fruiting season, and have never known it to fail in bearing fruit. The fruit is of an excellent quality, and the tree is of a magnificent growth. I do not know of a finer Pear tree in Illinois. The tree is apparently free from all disease. Any one desiring the best seedling pear ever brought to my notice can suit themselves by procuring this fruit.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES T. HOBLIT.

Ex-County Judge of Logan County.

After reading the above endorsement, Hon. Edw. Dooley, Att'y at Law, Pittsfield, Ill., wrote to Judge Hoblit, making further inquiry of the Lincoln Pear, and also as to the reliability of the Jones Co.

The following is an extract of Judge Hoblit's reply: "In reply to yours of the 8th inst. I beg to say that the W. E. Jones Co. is financially sound and considered straightforward people.

"The Lincoln Pear is a *great success*. I know that the mother tree is about 60 years old and as vigorous as ever. The trees are wonderful bearers and the fruit is considered choice."

Waterville, Ohio, Jan. 1901.

The Lincoln Pear trees I purchased of you grew all right and have borne a few specimens. I fear the quality will not compete with Bartlett.

W. W. FARNSWORTH, Secretary
Ohio State Horticultural Society.

McLean, Co., Ills., Jan., 1901.

My Lincoln Pear trees that I planted on the upland have done fine; no blight. They are the finest eating pear of any of the summer varieties. I do not know how they would be canned, but for use when fresh they are the finest I ever ate. I made a mistake by planting some on low ground. They were not budded on the French root and have not done well.

W. H. FOSTER.

Bremer Co., Iowa, Jan., 1901.

The Lincoln Pear trees that I got of you did well until the spring of 1899, when so many trees were root killed, and as my pear trees stood on bare ground, they were root killed with the rest except two trees that were planted in sod. These have continued to make a good growth and have shown no blight. I like the appearance of the tree, and shall graft some this winter, although I do not grow pears to any extent.

I trust that the Lincoln will continue to do well.

ELMER REEVES,
Ass't Supt. of Horticulture, Iowa State Fair.

Pawnee Co., Neb., Jan., 1901.

One Lincoln Pear tree planted in 1895 bore 29 fine large specimens of pears in 1898. The trees are entirely hardy and perfectly healthy. It is the only pear worth planting in Nebraska.

W. H. DENMAN.

Ray Co., Mo., Jan., 1901.

My Lincoln Pear trees are planted on upland with porous clay bottom. Have had a fine growth and stout limbs; no blight. One tree bore two handsome big pears. I think they will be fine for family use or market.

J. HINDS.

A Blessing to this Country.

Fr. C. W. Koehnle, manager of the Lord Scully estate (40,000 acres in Logan Co.), says: "The Lincoln is one of the most wonderful pear trees I ever saw in my life. I noticed the tree about 25 years ago for the first time—it may have been 30 years ago—and have seen the tree every year since—the last 15 years at least a half dozen times a year. I do not remember the tree not bearing in any one year, but on the contrary, I have seen the tree many times literally borne down with fruit—covered so thoroughly with fruit that you could see neither branches nor leaves. This tree is known in the county as a landmark and a curiosity. If a great many of the trees could be successfully budded from this tree, it would be a blessing to this country."

Four Dollars Per Bushel.

Mason City, Ill.

I have known the Lincoln Pear for thirty-nine years, and it has always been one of the best bearers of any fruit tree to my knowledge. It has always been free from blight or any disease. I have paid as high as \$4 per bushel for the fruit.

N. W. HORN.

When in trade I sold the Lincoln Pear to my customers with perfect satisfaction, and have used it in my own family season after season. I do not know any pear that I consider its superior.

C. E. ROSS, Lincoln.

Mr. Ross was formerly a prominent grocer, now patentee and manufacturer of the famous "World's Washing Machine."

I have known the Lincoln Pear for 24 years. It is one of the heaviest bearers of any pear tree to my knowledge; has always been free from blight or any other disease and the fruit is of first quality.

PAUL SMITH, Ex-Sheriff of Logan Co.

Lincoln, Ill.

I have been acquainted with the Lincoln Pear for over thirty years, and it is the most successful pear that I have ever seen in the state; it has always borne a good crop, and is free from blight and all diseases that pear trees are bothered with in this country. JAMES BEAVER.

Mr. Beaver is one of the largest farmers and stock dealers in Corwin township.

I regard the Lincoln Pear as the most beautiful and luscious pear I have ever seen.

B. P. ANDREWS, Lincoln, Ill.

Mr. Andrews is one of the most extensive lumber dealers in Central Illinois; has yards at the following towns: Lincoln, Canton, Mattoon, Paxton, Farmer City, Carlinville, Bunker Hill, Rushville, Cuba, Weldon and Sullivan.

April, 1899.

The Lincoln Pear trees, 10 of them standing in our orchard, have come through the exceptionally hard winter ('98-'99), and seem to be absolutely winter proof.

We hope soon to see some of the famous fruit thereof.

F. M. ROBERTSON, Fayette, Iowa.

January, 1901.

Your letter came duly at hand, and in reply would say, we think your Lincoln Pear trees are all one could wish in soil to suit, but our sandy, loamy soil was not the thing. We tried to grow them for three years, but gave up.

When we dug them up they had not grown, only in height. The body had not grown scarcely any.

BRUSH & SON, Benton Harbor, Mich.

January, 1901.

I believe the Lincoln Pear is all right. I have had a little trouble with blight, but it was on account of them being planted among my Kieffer. My trees are planted on light timber soil.

They are fine growers, and the wood seems to be very hard and thrifty. I have had a few pears, and I think them far ahead of the Kieffer for market or home use.

If I were going to plant any more trees, I should plant the Lincoln Pear and would recommend it to any one wishing to plant a pear orchard.

ANDERSON TURNER, Sangamon Co., Ills.

January, 1901.

I must say that your Lincoln Pear has done well for me. I have about thirty trees scattered over my orchard, on a variety of soils. Most of them fruited last season; a good many had as much as one-half bushel per tree. The Lincoln is all right as a market variety.

I did not have near enough, for the people came 10 miles to get them, but I could not supply near all who came.

My trees make a growth of from two to seven feet in a season. I find the wood is much harder than any other on my grounds.

Only one of my trees showed any signs of blight and that was slight. It can be controlled by the prompt use of a sharp knife.

I find different nurseries advertising the Lincoln Pear. Last season I sent for one of the cheap Lincoln Pears, and the customer who planted it claims it is not the Lincoln. Well, it does not look like mine. What kind of fruit it will bear has to be learned yet.

E. C. STEPHEN, Will Co., Ill.

Several of the Lincoln Pear trees bore nicely this year, and all say that they were nice, good pears. As for the trees, they have blighted some, but not very much, and from what I have seen they are not liable to blight. These trees were mixed in an orchard of more than 100 pear trees of several varieties and more than four-fifths of the trees died—a pretty severe test. The land on which the trees were planted was ordinary prairie soil.

H. M. KELLY, Montgomery Co., Ill.

Calloway Co., Mo.

Dear Sirs: The Lincoln Pear trees received to-day, and they are truly a magnificent lot. I expected something nice, but you exceeded my expectations. Many thanks for favors in extra grade and extra count.

Yours truly, J. O. McCLINTOCK.

I have known the Lincoln Pear tree for the last fifteen years, and watched it very close. I found it prolific, and it has never failed to be loaded with all that could hang on; it has not once failed in fifteen years. The tree is adapted for this climate; it does not blight in hot weather, nor will cold winters affect it.

F. FRORER,

Pres. First National Bank, Lincoln, Ill.

Would Give \$150 to Have the Tree in His Yard.

W. E. Jones:

Dear Sir: I am well acquainted with the Lincoln Pear tree, and have known it over twenty years. Have never known of its failing to produce, *annually*, an abundant crop of the very finest fruit. It is entirely free from blight or any other disease. Several times each year I pass the tree, and eighteen years ago I said I would give \$150 to have the tree in my yard. I have traveled extensively over the central part of Illinois, and some in other states, and for health of tree, also for quantity and quality of fruit, I have never seen a pear tree that equals, or comes anywhere near equalling, the Lincoln Pear.

Yours truly,

GEORGE W. PARKER, Lincoln, Ill.

Urbana, Ills., Jan., 1901.

In regard to the Lincoln Pear, would say that I bought one tree of you in the spring of 1894 and planted it in rich, black prairie soil.

The tree has made a rapid growth, perhaps too fast for the good of the tree. The bark is very hard, smooth and glossy in appearance. The tree seems to be very hardy and healthy in every way.

SPEES N. PRATHER.

Lincoln Pears Grow When Others Die.

W. E. Jones Co.:

My Lincoln Pear trees bought of you are doing well, especially considering the dry seasons. Since I came here they have made a good, hardy, smooth growth, and this year were full of bloom.

Very truly,

L. W. SULLIVAN, Decatur Co., Iowa.

W. E. Jones Co.:

I am pleased to send you my endorsement for your Lincoln Pear. The trees I bought of your salesman in 1894 produced a fine crop of pears in 1895. There were about a dozen matured and I must say they were the finest pears I ever tasted. My neighbors, as well as myself were delighted with the trees, and I should consider an orchard of the Lincoln Pear a valuable investment.

Respectfully,

D. FURRER, Easton, Ill.

Our Packing is Correct.

W. E. Jones Co.:

It gives me pleasure to say that the Lincoln pear so far has stood the winters here in Northwestern Iowa, and as far as I have seen have not killed a limb; also have stood the hot dry summers, and as yet show no signs of blight or sunscald. They seem to grow slow and make a very hard wood.

Yours truly,

C. W. CONNER, Sac City, Iowa.

THE LINCOLN PEAR.

Highes Award at the Illinois State Fair, Springfield.

In speaking of our Exhibit at the State Fair, Sept. 1895, the Illinois State Journal, Springfield, says: "The most interesting exhibit in the fruit department is that of W. E. Jones Co., proprietors of the LINCOLN PEAR NURSERY of Lincoln, Ill. The principal attraction was the LINCOLN PEAR. Among more than a score of other awards, we note that the LINCOLN in collection was awarded first in every pear entry, including 'Best new or seedling pear, the product of the state.' The Jones Co. are probably the most aggressive advertisers in the West and go after business in a business like manner."

No other pear has ever been so critically investigated by the public as the LINCOLN. It is with pleasure that we publish some of their reports. One of our neighbors, Mr. Martin, had two trees 15 years old that last year produced more than 50 bushels of fruit. He sold 45 bushels of No. 1 grade and used several bushels for home use. Think of it, 25 bushels per tree at 15 years old. The LINCOLN sells at \$1.50 and \$2.00 per bushel where their superior quality is known. There are several trees that we should like to show you, even more valuable than Mr. Martin's.

Delegates who visit us each year pronounce the bearing of the LINCOLN simply marvelous! Have you a LINCOLN PEAR orchard?

W. E. Jones Co.:

It will only be a matter of establishing the superior merits of the LINCOLN PEAR with the orchard planters of this country in order to induce their planting extensively. I have known the old trees of the LINCOLN PEAR for 20 years, and am personally familiar with the trees growing on the farm where Mr. Martin lives. We have been one of his regular customers for years, and my wife regards the fruit as being of very superior quality for culinary use. I have young trees that are now bearing fruit, showing every evidence of being equally as valuable as the older trees have been. A commercial orchard of the LINCOLN will evidently be a splendid investment.

Very respectfully,

H. W. DANA,

Loan and Abstract Co., Lincoln.

The late A. C. Hammond, of Warsaw, Illinois, for several years Secretary of the Illinois State Horticultural Society, said: "I am very willing to say that I was more than pleased with the quality and general appearance of the Lincoln Pear. In quality it is *decidedly superior to the Bartlett*, and is *smoother and of better appearance*. If the tree proves to be as hardy and productive as it now appears to be, it will be a great acquisition to our list of pears."

W. E. Jones :

South Haven, Michigan.

Dear Sir: I consider the Lincoln Pear superior to the Flemish Beauty for market, as being of the same season, quite as attractive in size and appearance, less inclined to decay prematurely at the core and, although a little coarse in texture, more sprightly in flavor. If sufficiently hardy, vigorous and productive, it would rank well as a market fruit.

Very respectfully,

T. T. LYON,

Pres. Mich. State Hort. Society.

W. E. Jones:

Dear Sir: Your Lincoln Pear has been tested, after ripening up, and is of good flavor, and seems worthy of cultivation among the valuable pears of the country.

Yours truly, N. H. ALBAUGH,
Ex.-President Amer. Nurserymen's Ass'n.

F. S. Earle, Cobden, Ill., says: "In size and color the Lincoln Pear resembles the famous LaConte, but the flavor is decidedly better."

Burtonview, Ill.

I have been acquainted with the Lincoln Pear for thirty years, and can truly say that, as to the tree and fruit, it is far ahead of any fruit-bearing tree to my knowledge; has always been free from blight, or of any disease, to my certain knowledge. SAMUEL SPARKS.

Mr. Sparks is one of the leading farmers of Sheridan township, and has been one of the board of highway commissioners for a number of years.

Fifty Bushels in One Year.

Lincoln, Ill.

I have gathered the fruit from the parent tree of the Lincoln Pear for six consecutive years, and one year I measured fifty bushels of sound, marketable pears, and there were supposed to be ten bushels of bruised and faulty fruit that was kept at home. WM. W. WIGGINGTON.

January, 1901.

We planted one Lincoln Pear tree on our grounds, which has made a splendid growth. The wood is exceptionally clean, bright and healthy looking, and as you say in your circular, the texture is hard.

This tree had three or four pears on the past season, but through some misunderstanding, they were picked too soon, before coming to maturity, consequently we cannot give you any information about their flavor, but will hope to do so another year

T. J. DWYER, Cornwall, N. Y.

Dr. Hester of Chicago, who plants in Clay Co., Ill., writes us as follows:

"I am in receipt of the Lincoln Pears and am much pleased with the size, shape and general appearance. I cannot speak of their quality till they ripen."

Later, August 29.

"I found one of the Lincoln Pears ripening so I indulged my inquiring appetite and tested its virtues. I can verify these points, viz.: *Fine grained, solid meat; evenly ripened to the very center; core exceptionally small; very juicy and sweet; excellent flavor; thin and tough skin and smooth and lemon color; as good, and, really I think better quality than any pear I ever tasted.* I am pleased beyond measure and feel content with my plant of 1000 Lincoln and as soon as I can will plant another 1000 on my Clay Co. farm."

January, 1901.

The Lincoln Pear trees have made a good growth. They fruited a little the past three years; flavor pretty good. Think two or three of the trees showed a little twig-blight the past year. On the whole, I am pleased with my prospect for this pear.

E. E. BAKER, Vernon Co., Mo.
Henderson Co., Ill.

My Lincoln Pear Trees bore this year for the first time and I expect that I have let them bear too young.

It is a fine pear; sound, smooth, and free from specks and of good flavor. My trees have made a good growth; they are planted on clay soil.

Jan., 1901.

W. H. JAMISON.

Henry Co., Iowa.

"I have an exceedingly good stand of the Lincoln Pear Trees that I have planted; *all* are alive and growing nicely. They were set beside other trees that blighted badly, but the Lincoln never showed the least signs of blight. They are set in clay-soil, and have never been cultivated, only to keep the grass down, about 3 or 4 feet around the tree. The trees made a growth of from 4 to 5 feet last year. We had some pears last year and they were *very fine*. The trees are very hardy as they came through the winter of 1898-99 without a dead twig and leafed out to the very end of the limbs. There were lots of all kinds of fruit trees killed here that winter. I would have been glad if my apple trees had fared as well as the Lincoln pear.

C. H. SWEARINGEN.

Jan., 1901.

Douglas Co., Kansas.

I am much pleased with the vigor and apparent hardiness, so far, of the Lincoln Pear. The trees planted two seasons ago made a good growth,—healthy leaves and hardy in wood. I look forward hopefully to an improved variety.

Yours,

A. H. GRIESA.

W. E. Jones Co.:

I have received the sample of Lincoln Pears. Thank you. I think they are very fine, both as to appearance and quality. I have two of them yet October 7th, and think they keep remarkably well. The trees have shown remarkable vitality with us. Some of the trees have short roots, but a Lincoln will grow anyhow.

Respectfully,

Will Co., Ill.

E. C. STEPHEN.

Decidedly Hardy in Iowa.

W. E. Jones:

Dear Sir: I am glad I have the Lincoln Pear, true to name of scions you sent me three years ago. I have to say that this last March's cold snap tested many varieties. The Russian pears have been found wanting, and wood badly discolored. The Lincoln, compared with others, I have to say, is *decidedly a hardy tree, and I like the way the limbs grow.* It is an early bearer, I should judge. For a successful pear, we have to look for varieties originated in the West, and not in France or in England. I do not like to say too much, but I *have faith in the Lincoln Pear.*

Yours truly,

C. STEINMANN.

Mr. Steinman has charge of one of Prof. Budd's Experimental Stations in Western Iowa.

Monona Co., Iowa.

Lincoln Pear Orchards. Vigorous Growth.

W. E. Jones Co.:

The 100 Lincoln Pear trees which I purchased of you last spring are alive and growing, notwithstanding this exceedingly dry summer, and the 100 which I got last year are growing vigorously.

C. H. WOOD.

Adams Co., Ill.

The Lincoln Pear Succeeds with Others and will Succeed with You.

So many people have been disappointed in pear planting that it is not surprising that they want to investigate before deciding what to plant and where to buy.

The letter below is a sample of several replies to prospective planters, who have written to Mr. Bird. We will furnish you the names and addresses of other planters if you care to write them.

The letter below was addressed to a party in Woodford County who contemplated planting an orchard of the Lincoln Pear and wrote to Mr. Bird for his private opinion. Mr. Bird is President of the Sangamon Co. Farmers Insurance Co., also widely known as President of the Springfield District Cyclone Insurance Co. The party who received this letter thought it too good to keep and forwarded to us. We publish it by permission of Mr. Bird.

We shall soon have more than 13,000 Lincoln Pear trees growing in our own orchards throughout the State. You ought to be planting, too.

W. E. JONES CO.

Dear Sir:

Sangamon Co., Ill., May 6, 1900.

Your letter of inquiry at hand and will say in reply, I have growing about twelve hundred (1200) Lincoln Pear trees; two hundred (200) of them planted four years ago this spring, the balance one year later.

I had a few pears on the older trees last year and they were *very fine.* I had quite a good many scattered over the orchard this year,—some on the young trees. I had rather they would not bear too young, for my strongest, healthiest trees never bloomed.

I am of the opinion that you will make no mistake in planting the Lincoln Pear. I have had no blight, and am satisfied that they do not blight as bad as other varieties; but the soil and climate have their effect on all trees, both pear and apple especially. They will thrive better where the soil is not too rich. I have no trouble to get plenty of wood growth. They are easy to live and hardy in every respect. I farmed my orchard in corn two years, then sow in clover.

The *quality* of the pear is the *best I have ever eaten.*

I have visited the old tree twice: once when it was in bloom and once when the fruit was hanging on the tree. The old tree must be near 70 years old; it looks thrifty and as fine as a young tree. My opinion is that it is all that they claim for it.

What dealings I have had with the Jones Nursery Co. have been satisfactory. I am personally acquainted with Mr. W. E. Jones and his son, and I know them to be honorable Christian men, and I think whatever they say is reliable, and whatever you buy of them you will find true to name. I have other trees that I bought of them, all of which are true to name.

I bought 1400 apple trees of them this spring and planted. I think them a good lot. Some of my neighbors have tried other places for trees and have made great mistakes; so have I when I bought of other than the Jones Co. You may think I make it pretty strong, but there is no arrangement between me and the Jones Co. I buy my stuff and pay for it the same as any one else, but where a Company treats me white and I have a chance to speak a good word for them, I am pleased to do so.

My opinion is, if you are going to plant the Lincoln Pear very extensively, you would make no mistake in coming to my farm and look over my orchard and I will be pleased to tell you all about them.

Yours truly,

J. F. BIRD.

W. E. Jones:

Ames, Iowa.

My Dear Sir: Yours with the noble samples of fruit received. It is as fine a pear as the Idaho or Duchess de Angouleme, and I truly hope it will be harder and freer from blight.

Yours,

PROF. J. L. BUDD.

Thanks for the box of pears; some pretty ripe. They are of *fine size*, very solid and heavy, very juicy, not quite melting; flavor sweet and vinous; a trifle gritty towards the core; quality, *good to very good*. Core small, and by these specimens, would think seeds very few. A noble fruit.

Truly,

F. K. PHOENIX.

W. E. Jones:

La Salle, N. Y.

Dear Sir: The pears were received in due time. Certainly a fine pear in appearance and quality, and perhaps a fine thing to succeed the Bartlett. But much of its value depends on the growth of the tree, prolificacy, hardiness, etc. Yours very truly,

T. GRENIER.

Ten Bushels on a Young Tree.

To all Concerned:

I have a stock-grafted Lincoln Pear tree about fifteen years old that could not be bought for \$50. It is entirely hardy and very productive. The quality and size of the fruit sells it readily at good prices. We had a crop of ten bushels on this tree, and we do not think it is an exception of this variety.

Respectfully,

JOHN FLICK, Logan County.

W. E. Jones Co.:

Sac City, Iowa.

The Lincoln Pear trees, so far, have done remarkably well; notwithstanding the dry summer, every one lived and made a good growth. They are planted on an open piece of ground with no protection whatever, consequently they will be thoroughly tested as to hardiness.

Yours truly,

C. W. CONNOR,
Proprietor Sac City Fruit Farm.

January, 1901.

The Lincoln Pear trees I got from you all grew, and so far, have proved to be very hardy. I did not lose one during the winter that was so disastrous to fruit trees here in Iowa, but they have not borne a pear yet.

Last spring there were a few blossoms on some of them, but no pears set.

You are certainly right in saying that the wood is very hard. I noticed that the first time I tried to cut a limb off; it is as hard as hickory and they make a big growth.

My trees are on rich black prairie soil, underlaid with a good, porous yellow clay sub-soil.

If I were sure they would prove to be good bearers here in our locality, I would put out more of them.

C. W. CONNOR, Sac City, Iowa.

Dec., 1900.

I am glad to inform you that the Lincoln Pear trees I received of you are a great success, some of them have fruited. In quality it is as good or better than the Bartlett.

The trees have been attacked more or less by the leaf skeletonizer, but no more than apple or cherry. The Lincoln, so far, is my first choice for family use or for the commercial orchard.

The largest and finest Lincoln that was planted in Harvey, was planted by the Harvey Land Association in one of their parks, surrounded with evergreens. It is the healthiest and has grown best of any tree that I have yet seen.

I am convinced that evergreens should be planted in all pear orchards.

Our soil is very tough, waxy hard clay. The only way to make it work good is to mix it with coal ashes and cinders.

A. H. GASTON, Cook Co., Ill.

January, 1901.

My Lincoln Pear trees have grown well and but a single twig, six inches long, on one of them blighted. They bore some fruit year before last and they bore quite liberally last year, but the fruit fell badly, which was caused by excessive heat and drouth.

Quality, satisfactory; also size.

One of the trees was planted on ground that was quite rich—too rich for any fruit tree. The fruit from this tree fell the worst and some rotted before falling. Altogether, I think them, worthy of planting in this part of the State.

A. MILNER, White Co., Ill.

Unionville, Mo., Jan., 1901.

In regard to the Lincoln Pear in this locality, it has made a good wood growth here, but has not fruited yet. They stood the extreme cold of winter '98-99, without the loss of a single tree.

I do not know of any twig blight on any of them here, and consider it about as near blight-proof as any pear we have so far tested.

I hope to see a sample of fruit on my own trees this fall.

E. F. QUIGLEY.

Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, Jan., 1901.

I regard the Lincoln Pear as the best variety I have in my 10 acre orchard. My trees were loaded last season. It is a splendid variety for market and family use.

I purchased 5 trees of you and received them the 30th day of May, set June 1st. They were in full leaf when they arrived; all lived.

I set part on a north slope in yellow clay, and others in a deep black loam; there are no signs of blight. Close to them are Kieffer, Clapp's Favorite, and other varieties that blighted bad. They made a very fast growth, averaged over 3 feet per year.

J. C. JAY, District Deputy, M. W. A.

Pontiac, Ills., Jan. 1901.

Those Lincoln Pear Trees I got of you a few years ago have grown nicely; not one thing has bothered their growth since setting them out.

We had blight in the apple orchard three years ago, young and old trees all suffered alike, but the Lincoln Pear trees were not affected in the least; so thus far they are blight-proof.

Last year they bore some. One tree was fairly full, but we had a wind-storm when they were still green, about two-thirds grown, and I picked them up and put them in a dry place under shelter, and they ripened up in splendid shape, sweet to the core.

I expect a fair crop from my three largest trees this year, which are about 12 or 14 feet high.

These are facts from a disinterested party.

I love fruit trees, and my desire is that whoever is engaged in the introduction of good fruit may succeed.

C. C. ALLEN.

Christian Co., Ills., Oct., 1900.

One of your agents showed me a photograph of a 4 year old Lincoln Pear tree with 74 pears. I can go you one better. I have a 4 year old Lincoln Pear tree on my lawn that bore 80 perfect pears this season. The Lincoln is thoroughly all right.

J. M. HARGIS.

Vermilion Co., Ill., Oct., 1900.

I have the Lincoln Pear in bearing, and I find it all that the Jones Co. claim for it. They are as fine a pear as I ever tasted. The trees are unusually vigorous and healthy and I am much pleased with them.

J. DUNKLEY.

W. E. Jones Co.:

I am very much pleased with my two-year old Lincoln Pear tree you planted on my lawn two years ago. Your photograph No. 22 speaks more than words as to its early bearing, and its hardiness and habits of growth are all that can be asked for. The Lincoln Pear is certainly entitled to the well earned reputation which it has acquired, and is worthy of attention from every planter, whether it be for lawn planting or the commercial orchard.

Respectfully, J. W. COLLINS, Dentist, Lincoln.

W. E. Jones Co.:

Delavan, Ill., 1898.

It will probably interest your many customers in this part of the country, as well as yourselves, to know that my Lincoln Pear trees which I bought of your agent three years ago, matured several specimens of fruit for me last year. The pears were the finest our family ever used, splendid quality and good size. The trees have proven themselves entirely hardy and free from blight. It is certainly a valuable fruit for his latitude.

Respectfully,

J. J. FRANK Boot & Shoe Merchant.

W. E. Jones Co.:

Liverpool, Ill., June 8, 1898.

The Lincoln Pear trees that I set out three years ago are the most thrifty and nicest trees I have. The winter never kills the twigs and nothing ever bothers them in the least. They have got a great many pears on this year. The trees I got of you last spring are growing fine. I wish I had a farm and I would set out a great many, as I believe them to be the only pear that is acclimated to this country.

If anybody wants to see my pear trees, tell them where they can find them.

Yours truly,

A. A. MACE.

W. E. Jones Co.:

Will Co., Ill., Feb. 1, 1899.

After growing your Lincoln Pear and testing it in a thorough manner for three years, I am fully persuaded that it is all you claim for it, which is admitting a good deal. The trees in my orchard have made a splendid growth, wood thrifty, hard finish and close texture of grain, hardy and productive. A few of my trees fruited last year and the indications are that

they will prove enormously productive, even in this cold soil. The fruit on my trees were uniform, fine both in size and quality, even exceeding those you sent me from the State Fair. I placed a few trees in Joliet and they were planted on a gravel, filled-in lot, but they are making a vigorous growth.

As an experiment, I top grafted seven scions in an old Thorn two years ago, and last season this remnant of tree with its new life, produced more than a bushel of fine specimens of Lincoln Pears. Comparing it with quite a selection of varieties of pears alongside the Lincoln, in my estimation it is more valuable than all the rest, so far as my experience goes. My candid opinion is that a Lincoln Pear orchard here would be profitable. I have about 30 trees now growing and shall plant more.

Yours very truly,

E. C. STEPHEN.

Lincoln Pear Bears Young, Every Year, Too.

W. E. Jones Co.:

Dear Sirs: Pardon brevity. The Lincoln Pear tree I bought of you, and planted in 1895, is now bearing ten of as plump and fine specimens of pears as I ever saw; no signs of blight or disease of any kind on mine or any other that I ever saw of the *genuine* Lincoln Pear.

JACOB HUBBARD, Mason City, Ill.

W. E. Jones Co.:

My neighbors and myself have bought the so-called Lincoln Pear trees of _____ and I am pretty well satisfied already that the trees we have been buying are not the genuine Lincoln.

Yours truly, J. C. RANDALL, Hamburg, Iowa.

You cannot afford to take chances on your Lincoln Pear being genuine.

Lincoln Pears Bear When Others Fail.

W. E. Jones Co.:

My Lincoln Pear trees bought of your agent and planted in the spring of 1894, matured pears in 1895, one year after planting. I consider them an early bearer.

GEORGE W. HOWE, Latham, Ill.

W. E. Jones Co.:

The trees came in good shape, and they are extra nice young trees, for which you will please accept many thanks. Yours most respectfully, JOHN HARCOURT, New Augusta, Ind.

My Lincoln Pear trees planted in the spring of 1894 matured 7 pears in 1895. I regard a Lincoln Pear Orchard as a valuable investment. Respectfully, LINCOLN EISIMINGER, Broadwell, Ill.

January, 1901.

My Lincoln Pear trees were planted on a dark, rich soil, underlaid with yellow clay.

Have had just a little blight; otherwise the trees are very thrifty. Some of them fruited well, for young trees, in 1898-99, and some were heavily loaded in 1900. I can say that it is a fine pear for family use.

We opened some after being canned two years and they were excellent. We have not kept any for market, but I should think they would be a fine market variety.

GEORGE JEFFERSON, Scott Co., Ills.

January, 1901.

The Lincoln Pear grows nicely, pretty shape, and exceedingly healthy. I got one from you 6 or 7 years ago; it was planted on rather poor soil. It is extra fine, very large and healthy and hard to beat. It has borne two crops.

G. C. SHARRER, Phelps Co., Mo.

January, 1901.

The Lincoln Pear was planted in rich garden soil; grows well and looks thrifty; no blight. Began bearing three years ago. The fruit is of fair quality.

CHAS. A. MILLER, Kane Co., Ill.

January, 1901.

My Lincoln Pear trees have made a good growth and look fine. They were planted on second bottom and Kansas upland with a clay sub-soil. No sign of blight. They seem harder than the Kieffer.

DR. M. L. ZIMMERMAN, Troy, Kan.

January, 1901.

The Lincoln Pear is all that you have claimed for it, in my orchard. Planted on lime-stone soil.

BEN KNAUB, Jennings Co., Ind.

January, 1901.

I must say that the little trees of the Lincoln Pear that you sent me a few years ago are growing nicely. The wood seems very firm and hardy, and also the leaves seem very healthy; no appearance of blight.

The soil where planted is of a sandy nature with red clay sub-soil.

N. W. CRAFT, Yadkin Co., North Carolina.

January, 1901.

The Lincoln Pear trees bought of you a few seasons ago have grown nicely and are looking well; no signs of blight or mildew. They bore well the past season, some trees probably one-half bushel, and we find the flavor *very* good. The soil is medium rich sandy loam.

L. F. SCHAUCK, Holmdel, New Jersey.

September, 1899.

The Lincoln Pear is handsome in appearance, fine flavored and juicy, and we consider them a good table pear.

J. H. EMPSON, Pres. Empson Packing Co.,

Longmont, Colo.

The Export Pear.

Chicago, February 10, 1897.

To all to whom these presents may come:

I hereby certify that I have been a member of the Illinois State Board of Agriculture for the two years last past and have been Superintendent of Class H., Section 1, Horticulture; during that time and each year Messrs. W. E. Jones Co. have been large exhibitors of fruit in my department. Among other kinds of fruit they exhibited the LINCOLN PEAR, and I take great pleasure in saying that the LINCOLN PEAR, after coming from cold storage and put on exhibition, retained its perfect condition through the entire week of our Fair much better than *any* other kind of fruit, and I believe it to be the best pear for *export* that is now being raised, at least, I know of no other as good, and I have great pleasure in recommending it as such.

Respectfully,

IRUS COY,
Member of Illinois State Board of Agriculture.

W. E. Jones Co., Lincoln, Ill.

Gentlemen: Our Orchard of LINCOLN PEAR trees have produced their second crop of fruit and I want to express my satisfaction with them. The trees have many habits distinct from most other pears; they have a bright clean foliage, hard, smooth growth of wood. The texture of the wood is harder even than the crab apple, and does not winter kill or blight, even though other varieties about them are failing. The fruit is all we commercial growers need ask for. The size is medium; skin smooth, quality delicious and keeps remarkably well for a summer pear. We get \$1.50 and \$2.00 per bushel, and find a ready market for them. I have been an extensive manufacturer of cherry wine, and my latest idea is to make a fine grade of LINCOLN PEAR cider. I may add that I have bought the LINCOLN PEAR of three concerns and I have three different pears,—all labeled Lincoln; yours are the only genuine trees.

Very respectfully,

JAMES HONSELMAN,

Platt Co., Ill.

Vermilion Co., Ills., Dec., 1900.

My Lincoln Pear Trees have made a good growth,—no blight. We have about 18 inches of black loam soil with clay sub-soil. The severe wind blew our Pears off before maturing.

D. S. DEAVERS.

The soil in my orchard is black with clay sub-soil. The Lincoln Pear Trees (110) have made a pretty good growth.

With me the Lincoln Pear is all right and I think the Kieffer, Garber and Rutter will be lost when the Lincoln is better known, as it should be. In quality the Lincoln is ahead of the Bartlett; it is better for market and a far better tree.

E. W. TUCKER, Knox Co., Ills.

Vermilion Co., Ill., August, 1900.

My Lincoln Pear trees are simply bending with their loads of fruit this year, and I have never tasted finer flavored pears. The Lincoln shows no signs of blight, as other pears do; and I think they are all that you have claimed for them. I am more than pleased and am planting more of the trees.

J. PETERSON.

Mason Co., Ills., August, 1900.

The Lincoln Pear bears very young. My trees that were planted two years ago have matured pears of very fine flavor, and they are the most thrifty and nicest trees that I have. No other tree has ever been so thoroughly investigated by the public as the Lincoln Pear.

CHAS. ROLL.

Morgan Co., Ills., Jan., 1901.

The Lincoln Pear trees I bought of you have done well. They have made a good growth, and none have yet shown any sign of blight.

Some of the trees bore a half-dozen pears each last year, which ripened, and the quality was very good. I planted about 70 trees and lost practically none. They will have been out 4 years the coming spring, and I look for some fruit this season.

J. C. O'NEAL.

Rock Island Co., Ill., Jan., 1901.

The Lincoln Pear has made a splendid growth of slender, willowy habit, but as tough as wood can be; bore first fruit in 1899, and two of the trees were loaded this year, so full that I thinned the fruit at least 50 per cent. I then expected to see the slender branches break under the weight of fruit, but, though bending almost straight down, there was not a broken twig after picking. Quality of fruit fair.

Everything blighted except Kieffer and Lincoln; trees standing within 15 feet of the Lincoln blighted to the ground. I think the Lincoln valuable, at least for home use.

W. C. WILSON.

Cannot be Too Highly Endorsed.

Messrs. W. E. Jones Co.:

During the last ten years I have been a close observer of the original "Lincoln Pear," as I have seen it on your farm in this county. It is one of the best and surest bearers of fruit, and I do not remember to have seen any sign of blight on it during all these years. It cannot be too highly indorsed in my opinion.

Very respectfully,

S. A. FOLEY,

Ex-County Judge, Logan County.

The late E. D. Webster, for several years a leading groceryman of Lincoln, said: "I have known the original Lincoln Pear Tree for 20 years. The pears have always been of choice quality, sound and in perfect shape, and of good size. Have paid as high as \$3 for one year's crop from this tree."

I have known the Lincoln Pear for 44 years, and it has always been free from blight or any other disease, to my certain knowledge. I have known but one failure of fruit in that time.

JOHN WIGGINGTON, Lincoln, Ill.

Mr. Wiggington is a successful and extensive farmer of West Lincoln Township.

Ex-Representative Thomas Wendell says: "I have passed the Lincoln Pear Tree on the farm of W. E. Jones five hundred times a year since 1861, ever since I have been in the state. I have never seen the tree affected with any disease. It is a fine and beautiful grower, and I believe it to be one of the grandest bearing fruit trees I have ever seen, and think the fruit equal to any pear. Since it began to bear, it has never failed in producing a good crop of fruit."

J. F. Bird, a wealthy farmer, stock feeder and fruit grower of Eastern Sangamon Co., Ill., says: "I have visited the nursery of the Jones Co., at Lincoln, Ill., and find to my satisfaction that their statements are true. I am more than pleased with the results of the LINCOLN PEAR. I saw the old trees, 60 and 40 years old, and others, all of which have been yearly bearers, tasted the fruit and pronounced it very fine. I am satisfied that parties dealing with Mr. Jones will be justly and fairly dealt with." After planting a large orchard of our growing in the spring of 1895 including 220 LINCOLN PEAR, he says: "I am greatly pleased with my orchard."

WE attended and exhibited the Lincoln at the 23d session of the American Pomological Society convened at Washington, D. C., in September, 1891. In his report on "New Fruits," Prof. H. E. VanDeman, U. S. Pomologist, Washington, D. C., says of the Lincoln: "This has been brought to notice by W. E. Jones, of Lincoln, Illinois, and there are specimens here on the table now, exhibited by Mr. Jones. It is very good quality and I think well worthy of a trial."

During the same session the Committee "On New Fruits" says: "Lincoln.— Exhibited by W. E. Jones, Lincoln, Ill. Size, medium; form, pyraform, obtuse; color, yellow, slight blush; quality, good; use, family and market; season, late summer; free strong grower, prolific; perfectly hardy in Illinois."

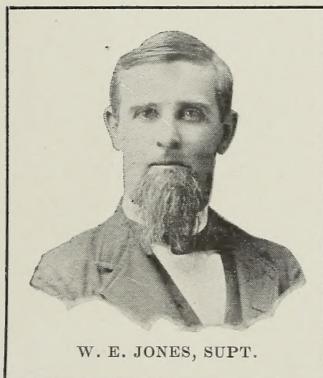
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